

# Bishop School

Playground Design

Community Meeting February 17, 2022



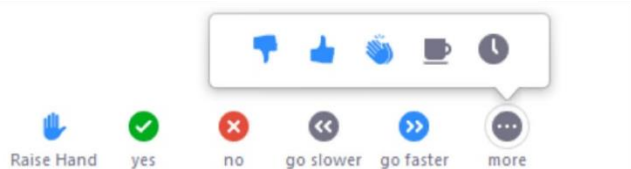


# Zoom Tips

## PRESENTATION:



TURN VIDEO ON/OFF  
PLEASE REMAIN MUTED



## NON-VERBAL OPTIONS

CLICK ON PARTICIPANTS (BOTTOM OF SCREEN) AND THESE OPTIONS WILL POP UP IN A SIDE BAR

## Q&A SESSION:



### VIA PHONE

USE \*9 TO RAISE HAND TO ASK QUESTIONS



### VIA WEB

CHAT TO ASK QUESTIONS



### RAISE HAND

FOR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

*PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS WHEN ASKING QUESTIONS OR PROVIDING FEEDBACK SO ALL ATTENDEES ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING.*



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## Process

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### PROJECT GOAL

- START CONSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER INTO EARLY FALL
- TIMELINE DESIGNED WITH THIS GOAL
- EXPEDIENT DESIGN PROCESS

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- SURVEY
- PUBLIC MEETING #1 TONIGHT
- MEETING WITH STUDENTS AFTER VACATION
- SECOND PUBLIC DESIGN INPUT MEETING TO REVIEW FINAL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

- STRATTON 6 PM, PEIRCE 7 PM, [BISHOP 8 PM](#)



### PLAYGROUND RENOVATION ONLY

- FOCUS ON PLAYGROUND RENOVATION ONLY
- ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS) – ESTIMATING \$1.8 MILLION
- NOT A FULL PARK RENOVATION LIKE OTHER PARK COMMISSION PROJECTS
- KEEPING THIS FOCUS ALONG THE WAY WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DO!

### DESIGN GUIDELINES

- REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACING
- FOCUS ON SCHOOL AGE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT (5-12 AGES)
- DURABLE MATERIALS FOR HEAVY USE (PREFERENCE FOR METAL OVER WOOD STRUCTURES)

### TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION

- VOTING WHERE APPROPRIATE
- HOLD ALL QUESTIONS UNTIL THE END



# Agenda

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1. PROJECT TEAM EXPERIENCE
2. PROJECT SCHEDULE
3. PROJECT BACKGROUND & CPSI REVIEW
4. EXISTING CONDITIONS
5. COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS
6. WHAT WE'VE HEARD
7. DESIGN CONCEPTS
8. MENTI-METER SURVEY
9. NEXT STEPS





## Project Team - Playgrounds Experience

### Total of 35 completed playground projects since 2006

- Excludes splash pads, ballfields/courts park projects
- 3 in Arlington

✓ 26 playground projects are school playgrounds

Waldo Park, Arlington  
2008



Vinson Owen School, Winchester  
2013



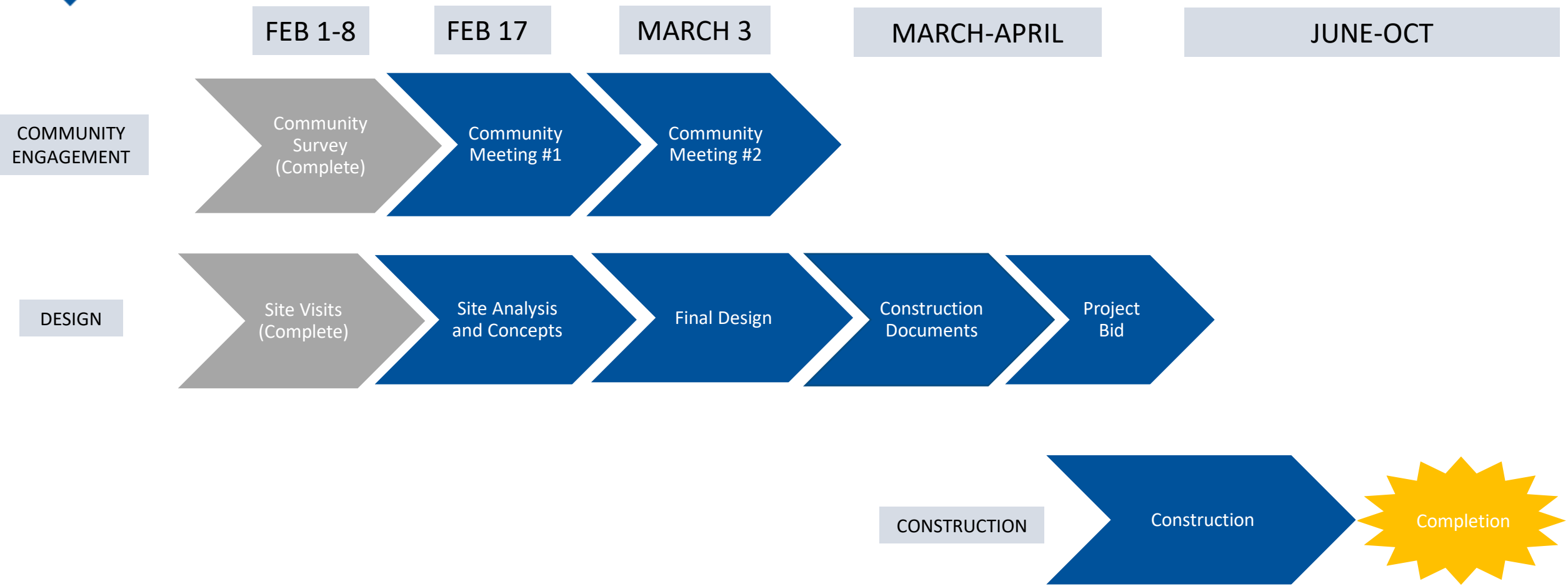
Healey Schoolyard, Somerville  
Fall 2022 Completion







# Project Schedule





## Project Background & CPSI Review

- Playground assessment and report in 2019
- Identified hazards and recommendation replacement
- Play equipment removal
- Goal for increased accessibility







## Bishop Playground - Existing Conditions







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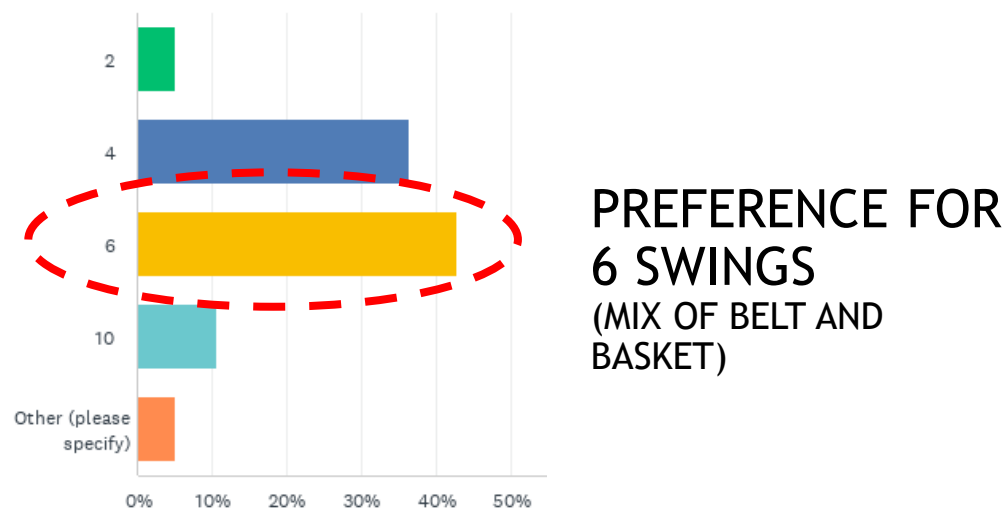
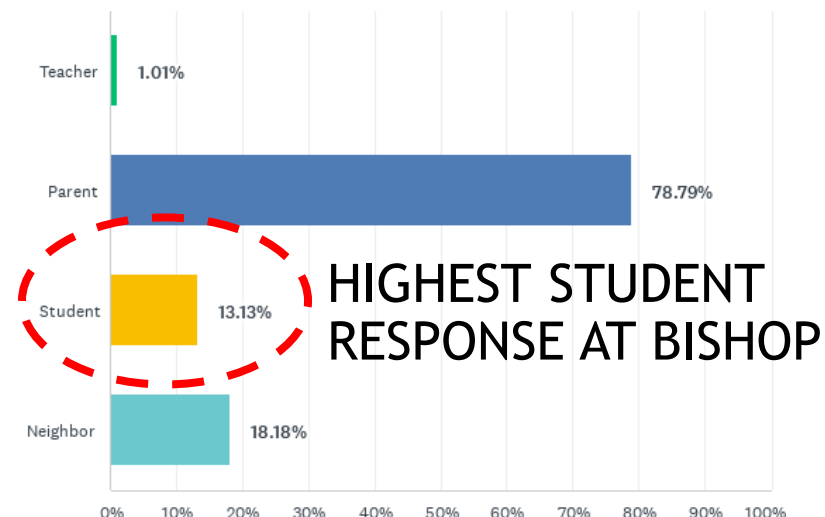
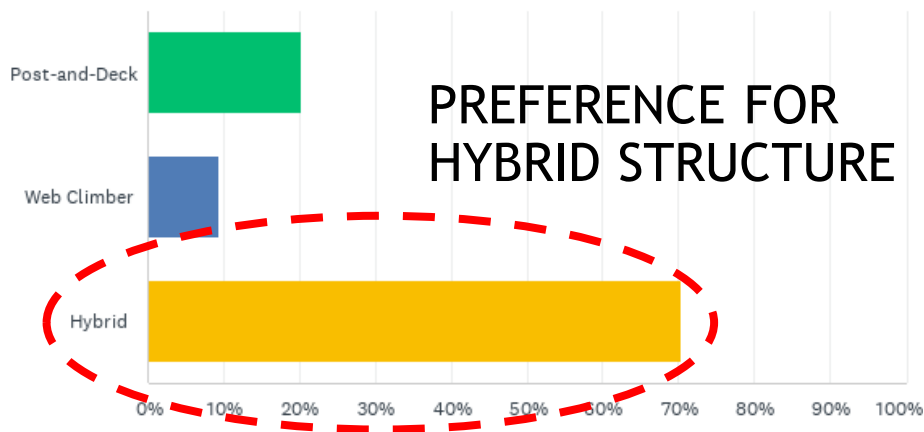






# Community Survey Results

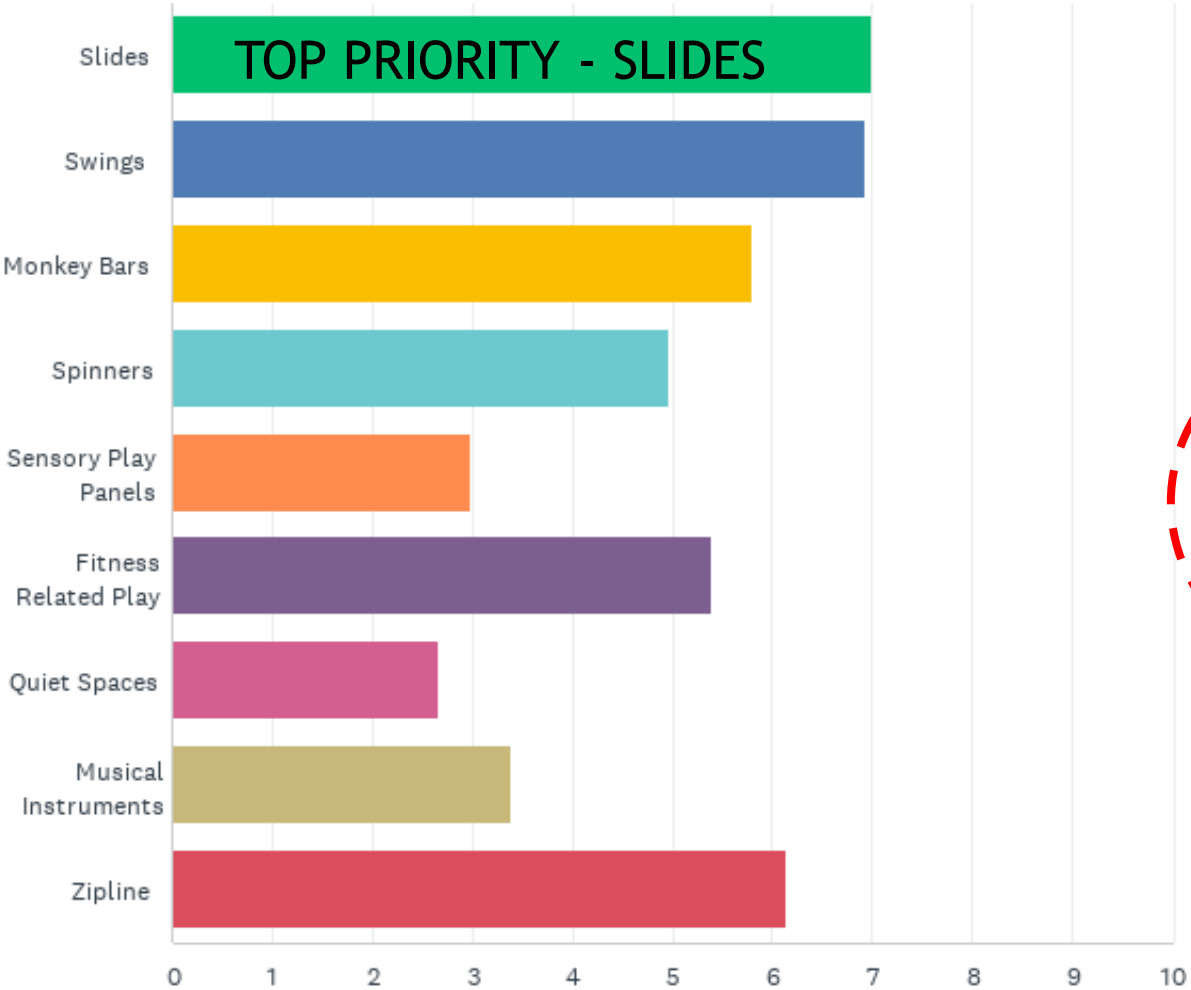
- **566 TOTAL RESPONSES**
- **198 FOR BISHOP**
- **SURVEY OPEN FROM FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 8, 2022**



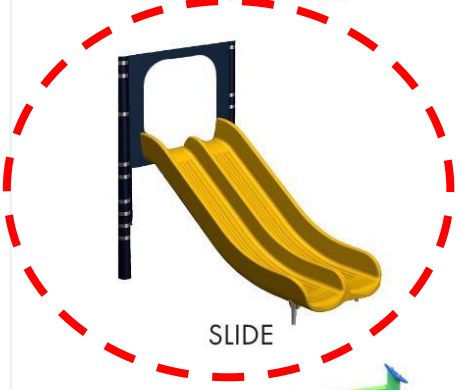




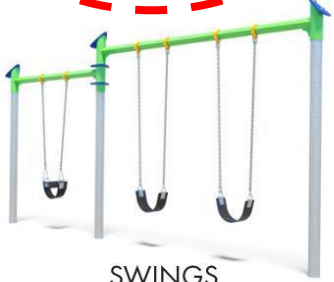
# Community Survey Results



MONKEY BARS



SLIDE



SWINGS



SPINNER



ZIPLINE



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT



FITNESS



QUIET SPACES



PLAY PANEL



# What We've Heard

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## Survey Feedback

- Spaceball Climber is loved but needs repair
- Add slides, steps and bridge elements
- Age appropriate equipment for kindergartners and first graders
- Climbing options other than net climbing
- Improve accessibility

## Special Education Outreach

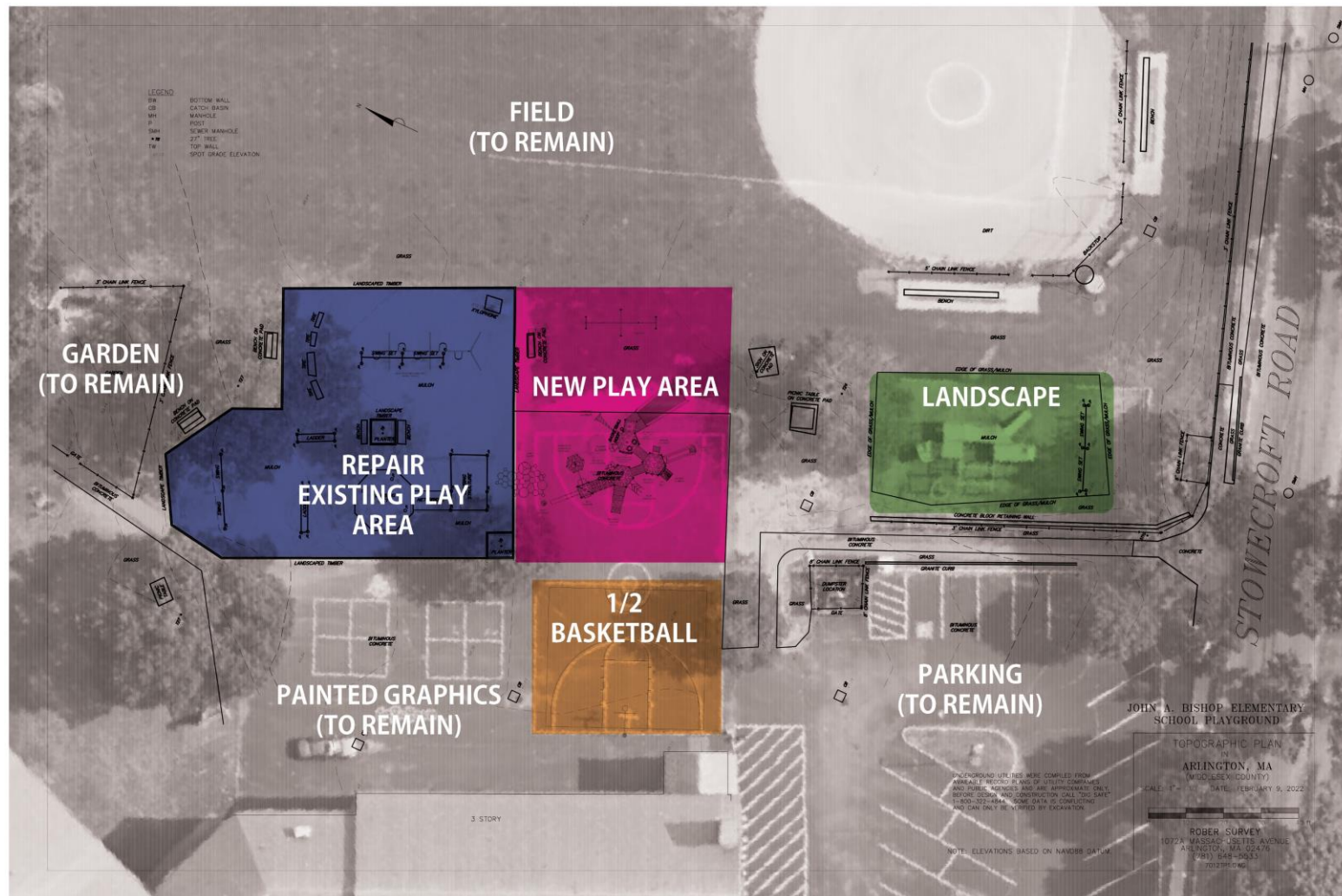
- Tactile warning for changes in terrain
- Use of high contrast colors
- Inclusion of adaptive swings
- Movable parts on structure
- Multiple access points on structure
- Wide, surfaced pathways



# Design Concept - Bubble Diagram

## Design Guidelines

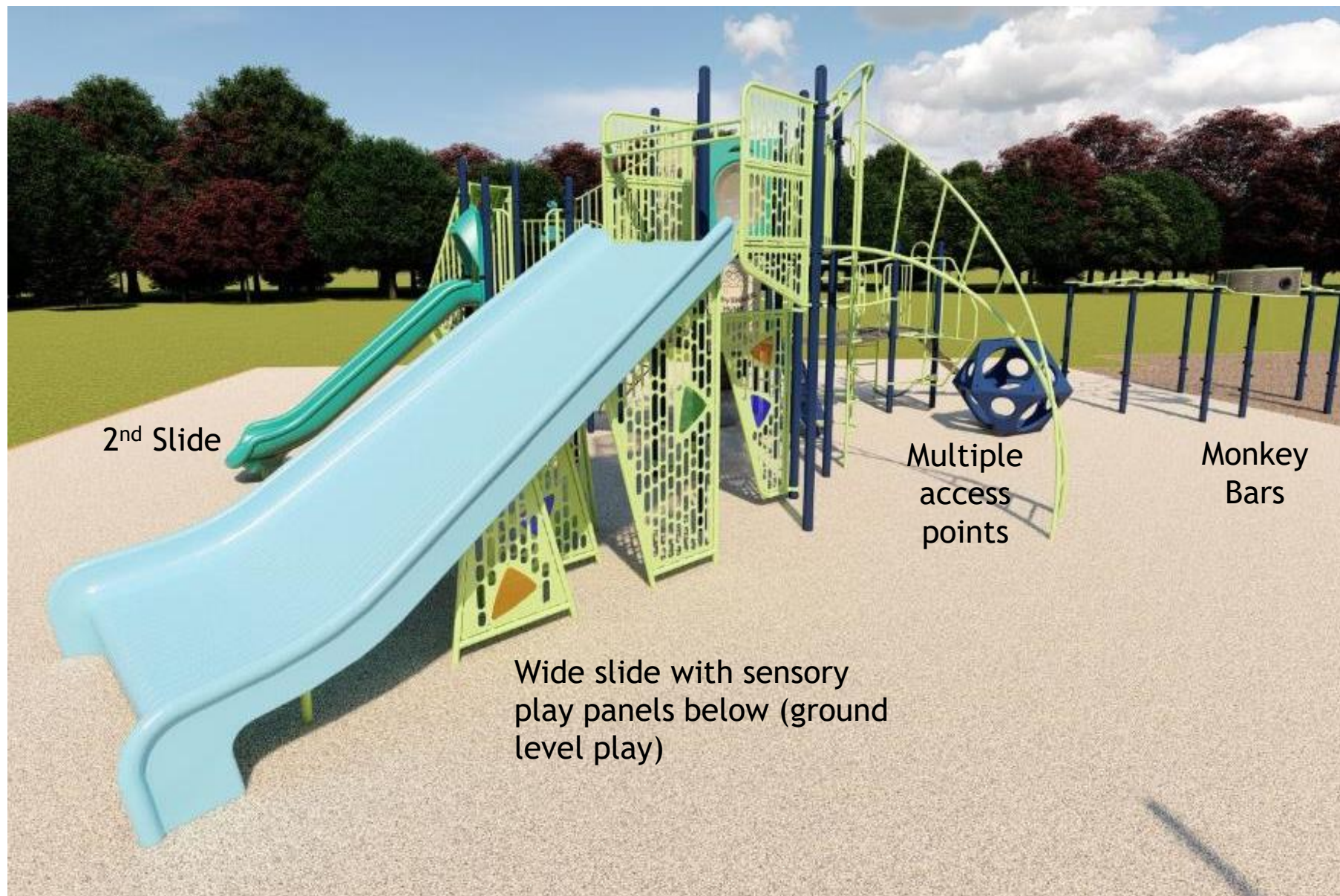
- Keep existing net climber structure and repair ropes as needed
- Reduce basketball to ½ court
- Add post-and-platform structure
- Replace belt swings
- Rubber surfacing to accessible elements of each type of play
- Link play elements with monkey bars
- Former play area near dugout at field to remain as lawn







## Design Concept - Option A







## Design Concept - Option A







## Design Concept - Option A



Monkey Bars



Adventure Bridge



Play Cube



Wide Slide





## Design Concept - Option B







## Design Concept - Option B







## Design Concept - Option B



Monkey Bars



Adventure Bridge



Branch Out  
Variety of Play



# Menti-Meter Survey

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- Please use your phone to vote on MENTI.COM
- Enter Room Code **3777 5063**
- Your responses will provide live feedback to assist with the design





## Next Steps

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- Final Community Meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Final design
  - Rendered site plan and playground design elements
- Construction Documents
- Summer Construction
- Project Completion